

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Please amend paragraph [00051] as indicated:

A¹ [00051] Oligomers and polymers generally suitable for use as thermally curable binder component (a2) may be acrylics, epoxy functional materials, (meth)acrylate copolymers, polyesters, alkyds, amino resins, polyurethanes, polylactones, polycarbonates, polyethers, epoxy resin-amine adducts, (meth)acrylatediols, partially saponified polyvinyl esters of polyureas, and mixtures thereof. Particularly preferred oligomers and polymeric materials suitable for use as component (a2) are (meth)acrylate copolymers, epoxy functional materials, acrylics, polyesters, polyurethanes, and epoxy resin-amine adducts. Most preferably, thermally curable binder component (a2) will be a polyester.